

1. My name is Fapyo Ghazal. I am here to support Senate Bill 123 to end the Early Release program.
2. My father was murdered in cold blood by a convict who was let loose under the bad "Early Release" Program.
3. My dad and mom came to the US 30 years ago. For many years he worked in convenience stores and gas stations. His dream was to own his own gas station. Finally last May my dad saved enough money to buy his own business. He was excited and happy.
4. Only one month after purchasing his business my father was murdered by a criminal who had been released under the Early Release program. This criminal killed my father after my father handed over the cash to him. He shot my father for no reason.
5. My mother and my family were in shock when we heard our father had been murdered. But we were more shocked when we heard that the man charged with murdering our father had been a criminal who was let out of prison early. If the Early Release program was not in effect this criminal would have been in jail. We know that because he had been denied release under the old law that allowed the Board of Pardons to deny release to a criminal with bad behavior. That is why we must repeal the Early Release Law.
6. It is too late to save my dad, but it is not too late to save other Connecticut families from the tragedy my family has suffered. I ask the Connecticut legislature to support Senate Bill 123 and end Early Release
7. Fapyo Ghazal, Meriden, CT